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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASANORI WAKAI, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/769,451)
Filed: January 26, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR DETECTING AND)
INTERPRETING PATH OF)
DESIGNATED POSITION :

Examiner: J. Nguyen

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003 (Paper No. 6), which required election between allegedly distinct species, Applicants provisionally elect Species A, namely Figures 1 to 14. Claims 1 to 6, 153 and 155 read on the elected species. The Election Requirement is, however, traversed.

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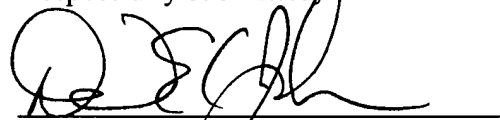
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Traversal is on the grounds that there would not be undue burden in examining the claims of all four species in a single application. It has always been Applicants' prerogative to present claims to a reasonable number of species, as the term "reasonable" is used in 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). In this case, only four species have been identified by the Examiner, all of which involve related position information processing involving a combination of travel paths of multiple points.

Applicants therefore submit that the maintenance and examination of all claims in the same application is reasonable and is not believed to be unduly burdensome on the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election Of Species Requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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